

• Showers tonight.
Tuesday fair.

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THOUSANDS READY TO WELCOME ROOT AT PEACE PARLEY

Students Will Lead in
Rio's Hospitable
Greeting.

PALACE HIS RESIDENCE

United States Diplomat Is
Shown Signal Honors by
the Brazilians.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 23.—A royal welcome is being prepared here for Secretary of State Root, who will attend the third conference of Pan-American nations, opening tonight at 8 o'clock. Mr. Root is now in Brazilian waters, and will reach here Thursday next. He will be given a rousing reception. Several thousand students will lead the demonstration in his honor. The President's palace in Petropolis, the summer capital in the hills near Rio, will be placed at Secretary Root's disposal, and while he is in the city itself he will be entertained at the Abrantes Palace, the home of Brazil's former emperors. All of the republics of North, Central, and South America are now represented here by delegates, except Venezuela and Haiti, neither of which sent any.

At 8 o'clock tonight the conference will be formally opened in the pavilion which served to house the exhibit of the Brazilian government at the St. Louis exposition.

A Gorgeous Scene.
This ornate structure, brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, decorated with tropical flowers and plants, and with the flags of the various countries of this hemisphere closely intermingled with each other, will be a fitting scene for the gathering which promises to do so much toward promoting the peace and well being, political and commercial, of the American republics.

Tonight's meeting will be merely a preliminary function for the purpose of enabling the representatives of the Brazilian government to welcome their guests and to allow the delegates to become acquainted with each other. No attempt will be made to take up any of the important questions to be discussed until a morning meeting, which will probably be held on Wednesday.

Opening Delayed.
It had been expected that the opening of the congress would take place last Saturday, but a number of delegates, including those from the United States, were delayed in arriving, on account of heavy weather at sea. As it turns out, this was rather a happy accident, for, in the meantime, the news reached here that hostilities in Central America have ceased, and the conference will open with peace prevailing throughout this continent.

Baron Rio Branco, minister of foreign affairs, will greet the delegates tonight in behalf of the Brazilian government, and will hereafter preside over their deliberations. All delegates and officials will be in their court costumes, and the scene will be a brilliant and noble one, not only because of the beauty of the surroundings, but for the fact that the several countries represented have sent to this conference some of their most distinguished statesmen.

Among the first subjects to be taken up in the congress will be the reorganization of the Bureau of American Republics, with a view to its permanent establishment, its enlargement and increasing its efficiency; affirmation of the principle of arbitration in disputes between the republics and the extension of that idea by The Hague conference to every country; extension for five years of the treaty agreed upon at the Mexican conference for arbitration of pecuniary claims among the different republics; and that The Hague conference be requested to consider the area to which, if any, force can be used for the collection of public debts.

BOMB SENT BY MAIL INJURES PARISIANS

PARIS, July 23.—A bomb which had been sent by post exploded this morning in the porcelain shop of M. Haegiel in the Rue Blondy, near the Boulevard. Haegiel, who was handling the package at the time it exploded, was badly hurt and two other persons were injured.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Showers have been general from the Mississippi valley eastward, and there were heavy rains from Maryland southward into South Carolina and Georgia. There were also scattered local thunderstorms over the interior districts west of the Rocky Mountains. There has been a considerable fall in the temperatures in the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys and the Upper Lake region, where they range from 7 to 11 degrees below the seasonal average.

TEMPERATURE.	
9 a. m.	73
12 noon.	75
1 p. m.	76

DOWNTOWN TEMPERATURE.	
(Registered Atlantic Standard Thermometer.)	
9 a. m.	83
12 noon.	86
1 p. m.	86

SUN TABLE.	
Sun sets today.	7:21
Sun rises tomorrow.	4:52

TIDE TABLE.	
High tide today.	9:38 p. m.
Low tide today.	3:54 p. m.
High tide tomorrow.	9:50 a. m., 10:25 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow.	3:58 a. m., 4:35 p. m.

Shippers Will Select The Foremost Fighters For Capital's Advance

Committees on Finance, Freight, Membership, and Publicity to Be Partially Made Up. Bell Will Make Nominations Later.

Greater Washington will be given another boost this afternoon when the first regular meeting of the board of directors of the Jobbers and Shippers' Association will be held. There are committees to be named and other important business will probably be considered. The directors purpose to start the movement with a full head of steam. From now on the fight will be waged steadily. More diversified jobbing interests, larger invested capital, and better facilities for handling the shipments of these houses are the primary purposes the association holds, but it intends also to be an active agency in the upbuilding of the city and the creation of a Greater Washington.

Greater Washington—Give It a Boost. is the slogan with which it is hoped to rally every loyal citizen.

Bell a Big Factor.
Four committees of the Jobbers and Shippers' Association will be named, in part, at the meeting this afternoon, at the offices of the American Security and Trust Company. It was tentatively decided this morning to postpone the complete organization of the committees until the return to the city of the association's president, Charles J. Bell, who is now in Maine.

The committees to be organized informally this afternoon are those on finance, freight, membership and publicity. In addition a special committee on bylaws will be named, which will have in charge the preparation of a report upon this subject, to be submitted and considered at the association's next meeting.

The meeting will be presided over by Milton E. Alles, one of the directors, both President Bell and Vice President Andrews now being out of the city. Mr. Alles said today he would advise that the whole membership of the committees be not named, in the absence of Mr. Bell. Mr. Alles thinks that the president of the association, being largely responsible for the executive part of its functions, should have a decisive voice in the selection of the committees. The plan now is to name some of the members of the committees—enough to give each of them a good working force—and postpone the selection of the others until Mr. Bell returns, some time about the middle of August.

To Work at Once.
The committees, however, will get to work at once. The membership committee will canvass the city for new members and make special efforts to secure the applications of every business man interested in the matters for which the association stands. It is believed there will be no considerable difficulty in increasing the membership to 200.

Upon the freight committee will devolve, it is probable, the association's most important and difficult work. While it is now generally admitted that freight rates to and from Washington are oppressive or burdensome in relatively few instances, freight facilities are admittedly very defective. It is expected that an effort will be made to improve.

The committee and the association will strive to secure, in especial, a daily fast

CITY ICE SUPPLY CUT TO ONE-HALF; PRICE IS RAISED

Unless Cargo Comes by
Wednesday Famine
Will Reign.

The ice scarcity of the past few weeks will pale into insignificance by Wednesday morning, unless the ice schooner Kreger, now somewhere on the high seas, reaches its Washington dock before that time. Unless the 1,800 tons of ice in the Kreger's hold comes that day the daily order of every dealer and consumer in the city, supplied by the American Ice Company, will be cut in half.

This announcement was made today by Samuel Kimberly, local manager of the company. Accompanying it, in point of time, was an order increasing the price of ice to small dealers from \$3.50 to \$4 a ton.

The Kreger completed loading and left its dock in Maine July 7, so that it has been already sixteen days on the trip South. Up to this morning it had not even been sighted from the capes of the Chesapeake. It is long overdue, but just when it will arrive can be conjectured only. It may be sighted at any moment, and it may not reach the city for another week. The barge Kennebec, also consigned to the American Ice Company, bringing 3,100 tons of ice, is expected Saturday or Sunday.

Cut Is Necessary.
Mr. Kimberly said today that unless the Kreger came in early Wednesday morning it would be absolutely necessary to cut the daily supplies of dealers and consumers in half.

freight service to local points in the valley of Virginia, a territory considered to be peculiarly Washington's.

The September Meeting.
The next meeting of the full association will not be held, it is thought, until the early part of September, by which time many members, now absent from the city, will have returned. By that time also the committees, it is hoped, will have much of value and interest to report.

Two new members were added to the association's roster this morning. These are J. Sondheimer and H. H. Hancock, the latter of the National Engraving Company. With his application for membership, Mr. Hancock sent also an offer to do whatever printing and engraving the association needs in its infancy, entirely free of cost or expense. The support of the immensely powerful union labor interests of Washington will be sought by the new association. Union labor in this city numbers 24,000 men and represents an influential and intelligent class in the community. Secretary Howe this morning received a letter from T. M. Ring, manager of the Trades Unionist, pleading his own support and that of his paper to the movement, and promising earnest efforts to enlist the sympathy and help of organized labor.

TWENTY ARE DEAD IN S. A. L. WRECK AT HAMLET, N. C.

Most of Fatalities Are
Confined to Colored
People.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 23.—Twenty persons were killed and twenty-four injured in the wreck of the Seaboard Air Line, near Hamlet, N. C., last night. The wreck occurred between the Hamlet and Rockingham stations, and was caused by the failure of the operator at Rockingham to deliver an order to the passenger train. The trains, which collided head-on, were passenger train No. 44, from Rutherford to Wilmington, and an extra freight. Most of the victims are colored people.

The known dead are:
F. B. LEWIS, of Hamlet, engineer.
TOM HILL, fireman.
H. S. BIRD, baggage master.

Such was the speed of the trains when they met that every car and both engines were wrecked beyond repair. The uninjured, aided by others, worked steadily to succor the wounded and recover the bodies of the dead. So far only a few of the killed have been identified. The injured were brought to Charlotte hospitals.

The wreckage blocked the tracks for hours.

The eastbound train of the Seaboard Air Line, which was wrecked at 8:30 p. m., four miles west of Hamlet, N. C., yesterday was from Birmingham, Ala., and was to have connected with the Seaboard Air Line special from Jacksonville, Fla. The wreck broke the connection, however, and the Jacksonville special pulled into the Sixth street station on time at 9:45 this morning.

JAPANESE HERO DEAD AT HIS TOKYO HOME

General Baron Kodama Served With
Singular Ability in War With
Russia.

TOKYO, July 23.—Gen. Baron Kodama, one of Japan's heroes in the war with Russia, is dead at his home here.

Gen. Baron Kodama, when war was declared with Russia, was assigned as chief of staff to General Kuroki, whose army comprised the Guards, and the Second and Twelfth divisions, and opened the campaign on land with the battle of the Yalu, May 1, 1904.

It was understood that a large part of the credit for the skillful disposition of the Japanese troops in this action was due to Kodama, who had already acquired a high reputation as a strategist and tactician. Soon after this action he was promoted to be a general and to serve on the staff of Marquis Oyama in the leading battles of the war.

Workmen Besiege Czar's Palace; Peterhof Burning, Troops Mutiny

THE CZAR, CZARINA, AND CZAREWITCH OF RUSSIA, WHO ARE IN DANGER OF DEATH AT THE HANDS OF REVOLUTIONISTS.



URGENT APPEALS FOR AID TO SAVE RUSSIAN RULER

Palace Commander Begs
for Loyal Soldiers and
Guns by Sea.

LONDON, July 23.—The Tribune today received a dispatch from its Budapest correspondent, declaring that M. Vinaver, vice president of the Constitutional Democrats, who was in that city to attend a meeting to protest against the Russian government's action in dissolving the duma, received the following cipher telegram:

Romanoffs in Danger.
"Return at once. Frightful rising Peterhof. Romanoffs great danger. Palace guards and troops refuse obedience. General Jesoroff, commander at the palace, has telegraphed to General Alexandrovich, chief of St. Petersburg garrison, to send reliable troops and guns by sea."

Peterhof in Flames.
Mr. Vinaver received another dispatch, saying:
"Peterhof is in flames. About 20,000 workmen are besieging the palace. The troops refuse obedience."

Mr. Vinaver before leaving Budapest declared that the telegrams were absolutely reliable. Similar reports have been heard in Paris and Vienna.

Douma Will Fight Czar; Members Meet at Viborg Prepare Plan of Action

VIBORG, Finland, July 23.—The members of the duma who came here for the purpose of continuing their sessions, following the dissolution of parliament by the Czar's ukase, held a sitting which lasted all night at which the situation was canvassed thoroughly. Several speakers favored the plan of having the duma follow the precedent of the French revolution "telling court parliament," declaring that they did not consider the dissolution legal.

Other speakers said that the duma should take up the Czar's challenge by proclaiming that the country must have a constituent assembly, and drawing up an election program.

District Attorney Baker today began investigation to determine whether the eight-hour law is being violated in connection with the construction of buildings, or other public works, by the Government or District authorities.

The investigation is a result of the complaints made to the President by organized labor. The matter was referred by Mr. Roosevelt to the Commissioner of Labor, who, in turn, referred it to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice called the matter to the attention of the District Attorney.

In referring the matter to him the department inclosed a letter from the Commissioner of Labor, which referred to complaints of eight or ten violations of the law. Starting with this Mr. Baker summoned several witnesses in his office today who are employed on public works in the District. It could not be learned definitely what complaint these witnesses made, but it is understood that they are employed in the construction of the Piney Branch bridge.

It is not known at this time when Mr. Baker will be able to make his report to the Department of Justice relative to the situation.

Lumber Trust Broken.
\$2.75 Stock Boards now \$2.25 per 100 ft. Libbey & Co., 6th & New York Ave., Adv.

**BRITISH PREMIER
INSPIRES CHEERS
FOR THE DOUMA**
LONDON, July 23.—Cheers for the Russian duma greeted the opening of the first session of the Interparliamentary union here today.

In welcoming the delegates, who represent every national legislature in existence, Premier Campbell-Bannerman said:
"I especially welcome the members of the duma who are here. The people of this country have grounded their confidence in parliamentary regime, and I am certain the duma will meet again in some form or other. The duma is dead, long live the duma!"

AMERICAN DEAD IN A BIG FIGHT WITH NATIVES

Lieut. Worswick and Thirteen Others Killed
by Filipinos.

BATTLE IN VISAYAS WITH FANATIC HORDE

Constabulary Greatly Out-
numbered By Palajanes;
Troops Sent in
Pursuit.

MANILA, July 23.—At 7 o'clock yesterday morning, at Baruen, in the island of Leyte, Lieutenant Williams and a force of forty-five of the constabulary engaged 500 Palajanes in battle.

The constabulary were defeated, losing fourteen killed, including Lieut. James Worswick, Scout McBride, and twelve privates.

Fourteen Springfield and two revolvers were captured by the insurgents.

Eleven Bodies Recovered.
The bodies of eleven of the American soldiers were recovered.

Nearly 1,000 Palajanes are reported in the vicinity moving toward Bulag.

Gen. Leonard Wood has ordered two battalions of infantry to the scene and promises to send more troops if necessary.

Soldiers in Pursuit.
Major Nevil, with fifty of the constabulary and fifty-five of the colored troops under command of Captain McMaster, are in pursuit of the Palajanes and are expected to strike them tomorrow morning in the vicinity of Lotobaban.

The Palajanes are fanatics and have given great trouble to the troops and constabulary.

Hitherto, however, they have confined their depredations almost entirely to the island of Samar.

NEW BANK HOME FOR PROSPEROUS YOUNG INSTITUTION

Merchants and Mechanics
Buys Property Adjoining
Present Quarters.

The Merchants and Mechanics Savings Bank, which started less than two years ago, and has met with wonderful success has bought the property, corner of Seventh and G streets immediately adjoining its present location, and come into possession of the building long occupied by Major's drug store and which is soon as they can secure the premises establish the bank on the corner.

The building fronts twenty feet on G street and the price paid is stated to be \$60,000, which excluding the improvements would be at the rate of \$40 per foot and is assumed to be the highest price paid for property in that locality.

The present improvements consist of a well-built four-story brick structure which above the drug store is used for living purposes. It is the intention of the bank to remodel the building at a cost of about \$15,000 using the first story entirely for bank purposes while the upper stories will be fitted out for offices.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders in September a proposition will be submitted increasing the capital from \$50,000 to \$100,000 which will enable a considerable increase in the capacity of the bank to accommodate the growing business of that section.